



## **Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget**

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**22 VAC 30-50 – Policies and Procedures for Administering Commonwealth Neurotrauma Trust Fund Initiative**  
**Department of Rehabilitative Services**  
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### **Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation**

The proposed changes will remove the assigned weights to the criteria that are used in reviewing and ranking grant applications, incorporate a legislative change occurred in 2004, and make numerous editorial and formatting changes.

### **Result of Analysis**

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

### **Estimated Economic Impact**

These regulations set out the rules for the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund (CNI). The CNI Trust Fund is a non-reverting fund established to provide grants for up to three years to recipients who engage in research pertaining to brain and spinal cord injuries or recipients who provide community services to individuals who have suffered brain or spinal cord injuries. The fund receives moneys from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles from persons who apply for reinstatement of their drivers' licenses after being convicted of certain specified dangerous driving offenses.<sup>1</sup>

One of the proposed changes will remove the assigned weights to the criteria that are used in reviewing and ranking grant applications. This change is expected to allow evaluators to place greater emphasis on criteria that are most relevant for a specific research or community service project and give them greater discretion on ranking grant applications. As the importance

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<sup>1</sup> These offenses include: DUI-related offenses, hit-and-run, reckless driving, and failure to comply with conditions imposed upon license probation for driving offenses.

of each criterion would be different for each specific project, this change is expected to produce net benefits.

Another proposed change will incorporate in the regulations a budget provision enacted during the 2004 General Assembly session stating that the Department of Rehabilitative Services Commissioner may reallocate up to \$500,000 from unexpended balances in the CNI Trust Fund to fund new grand awards. Also, proposed changes include numerous changes that are technical and/or clarifying in nature such as re-arranging sections and updating current language. None of these changes are expected to create any significant change in practice. Thus, no significant costs or benefits are expected from these changes other than improving the clarity and consistency of the regulations.

### **Businesses and Entities Affected**

These regulations primarily affect grant applicants. In 2007, there were seven applications from the University of Virginia, thirteen from the Virginia Commonwealth University, and one from another entity.

### **Localities Particularly Affected**

The proposed regulations apply throughout the Commonwealth.

### **Projected Impact on Employment**

No significant impact on employment is expected.

### **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

No significant impact on the use and value of private property is expected.

### **Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects**

No significant costs and other effects on small businesses are expected.

### **Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact**

No adverse impact on small businesses is expected.

### **Real Estate Development Costs**

No adverse impact on real estate development costs is expected.

## Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.